| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Urad | | 1330 | 5 |
| Groundnut-in-shell | | 1355 | 20 |
| Soybean | Yellow | 885 | 10 |
| | Black | 795 | 10 |
| Sunflowerseed | | 1195 | 15 |
| Sesamum | | 1450 | 5 |
| Nigerseed | | 1120 | 0 |
| Cotton (Kapas) | F-414/H-777/J-34 H-4 | 1675 | 20 |
| | | 1875 | 20 |

**MSP policy of agricultural products**

352. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Minimum Support Price policy is in force in the country;

(b) if so, the details of Minimum Support Prices for all agricultural products and foodgrains earmarked during the last three years;

(c) the measures taken by Government to protect the interests of the farmers in case the prices fall below Minimum Support Price level; and

(d) the details of the crops of which prices have fallen below Minimum Support Price during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement showing the Minimum Support Prices fixed for major agricultural commodities during the last three years is enclosed.

(c) The measures taken by the Government to protect the interests of the farmers on this score include fixation of Minimum Support Prices of major agricultural commodities, procurement of agricultural commodities, using instruments of trade to reduce imports and encourage exports, etc.

(d) The wholesale prices of several agricultural commodities ruled below the Minimum Support Prices fixed by the Government at certain centres in the country during the last three years. This included crops like wheat, rice, coarse cereals, oilseeds, copra, etc.

***Statement***

*Details of Minimum Support Prices fixed for major agricultural commodities (According to Crop Year)*

*(Rs. per quintal)*

| SI. No. | Commodity | Variety | 1999-2000 | 2000-01 | 2001-02 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Paddy | Common | 490 | 510 | 530 |
| | | Grade 'A' | 520 | 540 | 560 |
| 2. | Coarse Cereals-(Jowar, Bajra, Ragi & Maize) | | 415 | 445 | 485 |
| 3. | Wheat | | 580 | 610 | 620 |
| 4. | Barley | | 430 | 500 | 500 |
| 5. | Gram | | 1015 | 1100 | 1200 |
| 6. | Arhar | | 1105 | 1200 | 1320 |
| 7. | Moong | | 1105 | 1200 | 1320 |
| 8. | Urad | | 1105 | 1200 | 1320 |
| 9. | Masur (lentil) | | — | 1200 | 1300 |
| 10. | Sugarcane® | | 56.10 | 59.50 | 62.05 |
| 11. | Cotton | F-414/H-777/J34 H-4 | 1575 | 1625 | 1675 |
| | | | 1775 | 1825 | 1875 |
| 12. | Groundnut-in-shell | | 1155 | 1220 | 1340 |
| 13. | Jute | | 750 | 785 | 810 |
| 14. | Rapeseed/Mustard | | 1100 | 1200 | 1300 |
| 15. | Sunflower Seed | | 1155 | 1170 | 1185 |
| 16. | Soybean | Black | 755 | 775 | 795 |
| | | Yellow | 845 | 865 | 885 |
| 17. | Safflower | | 1100 | 1200 | 1300 |
| 18. | Toria | | 1065 | 1165 | 1265 |

| Sl. No. | Commodity | Variety | 1999-2000 | 2000-01 | 2001-02 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19. | Tobacco (VFC) (Rs. per kg.) | Black Soil (F2 Gr) | 25.00 | 26.00 | 27.00 |
| | | Light Soil (L2 Gr) | 27.00 | 28.00 | 29.00 |
| 20. | Copra (Calender Year) | Milling | | 3250 | 3300 |
| | | 3100 | Ball | 3500 | 3550 |
| 21. | Sesamum | 1205 | | 1300 | 1400 |
| 22. | Nigerseed | 915 | | 1025 | 1100 |

@ Statutory Minimum Price linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 per cent with proportionate premium for every 0.1 per cent increase in recovery above that level.

The MSP for masur (lentil) has been fixed from the crop year 2000-01. Paying

**drought compensation to farmers**

353. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the Commission on Agriculture Cost and Price (C.A.C.P.) to recommend to pay the compensation in cash and other forms to the farmers in view of drought;

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Commission in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the farmers from whom Government don't purchase grain at all would be deprived from getting this benefit in case the Commission announces bonus apart from M.S.R; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) In view of the failure of monsoon during June-July, the Government asked the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (C.A.C.P.) to furnish a supplementary report on Price Policy for Kharif Crops of 2002-03 Season.

(b) Keeping in view the recommendation of the C.A.C.P., the Government has announced payment of Special Drought Relief Prices